

The Company's minimum obligations under these contracts are set forth in the following table. The amounts are based on current contract price terms and estimated commodity prices, which are subject to change:

\$ IN THOUSANDS FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30	Firm Gas Supply	Interstate Pipeline Transportation	Storage and Peaking Service	Total
2004	\$ 155,808	\$ 27,666	\$ 1,870	\$ 185,344
2005	29,211	27,666	1,491	58,368
2006	24,966	27,666	1,491	54,123
2007	24,966	27,666	1,491	54,123
2008	24,966	27,620	1,491	54,077
Thereafter	24,966	198,704	9,072	232,742
	\$ 284,883	\$ 336,988	\$ 16,906	\$ 638,777

Purchases under these contracts for fiscal 2003, 2002, and 2001 have been as follows:

\$ IN THOUSANDS	Firm Gas Supply	Interstate Pipeline Transportation	Storage and Peaking Service	Total
2003	\$ 159,028	\$ 26,450	\$ 2,140	\$ 187,618
2002	\$ 141,093	\$ 25,210	\$ 2,140	\$ 168,443
2001	\$ 166,912	\$ 35,276	\$ 3,030	\$ 205,218

Financial derivatives. To support new, fixed-price contracts for firm delivery of natural gas to a group of industrial customers in fiscal 2004, the Company entered into a swap and cap agreement in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003. Under the terms of the swap arrangement, the Company will either pay or receive settlement payments based on the difference between a fixed strike price and the monthly Inside FERC Index price. The total quantity subject to this arrangement is 1,260,000 MMBTU's in 2004 and 133,000 MMBTU's in 2005. As of September 30, 2003, the market value of this swap is a liability of \$268,000, included in other non-current liabilities. The cap arrangement provides a cap on 140,000 MMBTU's in 2004 and 15,000 MMBTU's in 2005. As of September 30, 2003, the market value of this cap is \$79,000, included in other assets.

Mark-to-market adjustments on the swap and cap resulted in a \$315,000 charge to earnings in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Environmental matters. There are two claims against the Company for as yet unknown costs for cleanup of alleged environmental contamination related to manufactured gas plant sites that were previously operated by companies, which were subsequently merged into Cascade.

The first claim was received in 1995, and relates to a site in Oregon. An investigation has shown that contamination does exist, but there is currently not enough information available to estimate the potential liability associated with this claim. It is expected that other parties will participate in the cleanup costs. Through the end of the fiscal year the amounts spent, primarily on investigation and containment, have been immaterial.

The second claim was received in 1997, and relates to a site in Washington. An investigation has determined there is evidence of contamination at the site, but there is also evidence of an oil line crossing the property, operated by an unrelated party, which may have also contributed to the contamination. There is currently not enough information available to estimate the potential liability associated with this claim. The party who originally made this claim has not been actively pursuing it.